



Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board  
April 8, 2010  
Boathouse – Trail Walk/Business Meeting

Present: Lois Walton, Roy Gertson, Rachel Friedman, Shannon Haydin, Bob Gray,  
Pat McCarthy, Kathy Hoerlein

Trail Walk with discussion of maintenance, needs and future projects - 9:00 a.m.

- Ripple Rock Trail – At the north end build a staircase to upper trail for connection as a future project. Some maintenance needed; block social trail from picnic area.
- Arkansas River Trail walking from north to south – At the beginning (rock sign) build check dams every 20' along drainage to slow down water erosion. Add brush at the first social trail. Stabilize the second social trail and keep open to the river. Move dog poop stations to the west side rather than river side for aesthetics. Possibly have a few memorial benches along wider areas of trail. At stone steps from picnic area create a stone or timber trail to the grassy area at the river. Place limbs on some lower areas from trail.
- Whitewater Trail – At junction of Whitewater Trail and trail up to Arkansas River Trail (north ramp) have a directional sign by rocks on west side. The Board recommends contacting Kathy McCoy for sign plan and design to blend with our already placed signage. Below junction above 4<sup>th</sup> river feature there's a wide area for a bench. At furniture ramp move poop station and Great Outdoors sign to the west side near rocks. Too cluttered with kiosk and signs all on river side. Develop a pedestal for rock with hole. At south exit of Whitewater Trail move poop station to the west side. At placer mine area have a kiosk denoting the history of the site as a future project.
- Ramsour Rd. – Place a Cottonwood Creek Trail rock sign to show the beginning on south side, possibly a bench facing west for the views. A split rail fence has been suggested to install along the south side of the 8' – 10' wide crusher fines trail.
- Arkansas River Trail – North of So. Main continue the rock walls further where Whitewater Trail meets the Arkansas River Trail to stabilize and also north to the spur trail to the Boulder Garden. Include a small directional sign.

Business Meeting – 10:40 -11:45 a.m.

March 2, 2010 Minutes approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

- Status of subdivisions with relation to trail development – Shannon reported that the Cottonwood Meadows annexation was approved.
- Other trail development – DOC work – Roy reported that the DOC crew will have time later in the summer possibly working on the access trails to the river. He is waiting for a return call from the SW Conservation Corp to set up the contract for this summer. From our trail walk the TAB members are interested in benches along the trails and would like information from town staff on parameters. Shannon will check on details. The Trails Advisory Board members support a memorial bench program along town trails, in parks and open space.

Members liked a composite or sturdy material with a brass plate. Members will consider good placement of benches.

- CDOT Enhancement Grants – Rachel will resubmit the grant for the bridge over Cottonwood Creek and bring a support letter to sign at our May meeting. CDOT Enhancement grant for Arizona St. and trail will be sending a contract for work in July.
- DOW – Bob reported that he and town staff met with DOW in regard to the wildlife trail from DePaul to Steele St. and had a good and productive meeting. Bob emphasized the importance of informing the DOW staff of ideas being discussed for trail use. Permission for public use has been granted and Roy and Rachel will work on the trail plan and letter to DOW for approval. Thanks to Bob for meeting and working this out with DOW staff.
- Leadville/Stagecoach trail – The planning grant is approved and will begin this summer. Congratulations to Alan Robinson for his time and dedication.
- Other – Lois reported on the Town Trustee's approval of the requested amendment of inserting the sentence on trail guidelines being based on AASHTO standards.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- TAB awareness – Kathy mentioned that available members should attend Rec Board meetings as a connection to what plans are developing and see how the trail system might fit in. She will contact Livewell Chaffee County to let them know about what is available in regard to trails for their physical and walking programs.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2010 9:00 a.m. Public Works

Minutes submitted by Kathy Hoerlein